

HOUSE RESOLUTION 17

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the American Heart Association's Tenth National Wear Red Day on February 1, 2013.

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women® movement has been impacting the health of women for ten years; more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved and 330 fewer women are dying each day; and

WHEREAS, heart disease is the top killer of women, yet only one in five American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 43 million women in the United States are affected by cardiovascular diseases; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease,; and

WHEREAS, women comprise only twenty-four percent of participants in all heart-related studies; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease and the gap between men and women's survival continues to widen; and

WHEREAS, women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else were having a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the Tenth National Wear Red Day on February 1, 2013, Go Red For Women® is asking all women across America to join us in making America Go Red and save women's lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, we join with the American Heart Association as they observe Friday, February 1, 2013, as "National Wear Red Day" and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red. By increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.